CROOK and WILLINGTON

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

INTERIM REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Crook and Willington U.D.C.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Ministry of Health Circular No.3/49 of the 17th January, 1949, states that the annual report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1948 is to be prepared on the lines of that for 1947, as indicated in Circular 170/47 of 31st December, 1947.

Apart from the fact that there has been an increase in the number of cases of Measeles, the general health of the neighbourhood has been good. There has been a decrease in the birth rate, the death rate remains unchanged.

There is still as great a demand for houses as ever, and there is a considerable amount of overcrowding. The need for new houses is great, and many more will have to be built in days to come.

Once again I have to thank all the Council officials for their help, especially Mr. Omand, Mr. Coates, Mr. Hall and Mr. Cummings.

I wish to thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your continued interest and encouragement.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

FENWICK LISHMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

I give the number of infectious disease notifications during the year, from which it will be noted that there have been no serious outbreaks of infectious diseases.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	106	104	-
Diphtheria	9	8	-
Measles	379	-	-
Whooping Cough	81	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	5	4	-
Pneumonia	38	-	10
Erysipelas	13	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-

Notified Disease (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1948.

The following table gives the incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year.

Disease	Under 1 yr.	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	85	Total
Scarlet Fever	-	4	12	11	12	37	19	5	5	1	-	-	106
Diphtheria	-	1	1	-	1	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	9
Measles	13	84	57	46	89	87	1	1	-	-	1	-	379
Whooping Cough	12	23	19	12	6	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	81
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	5
Pneumonia	4	2	2	-	4	5	1	1	6	5	5	3	38
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	8	2	14
Opthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

	Total	Males	Females.
Legitimate	484	241	243
Illegitimate	28	14	14

Birth rate for 1,000 of estimated resident population: 18.72

Still Births.

	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	10	7	3
Illegitimate	3	2	1

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still): 19.19

Deaths

Total	Males	Females
362	190	172

Death rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population: 13.27

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

	Death rate per 1,000 total (live and still births)
Puerperal Sepsis	-
Other Puerperal Causes	-

Deaths of infants under one year of age:

	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	18	11	7
Illegitimate	1	1	-

Death rate of infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births	37.11
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births	37.19
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live births	1.95

Deaths from Cancer	(all ages)	54
Deaths from Measles	(all ages)	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough	(all ages)	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea	(under 2 years)	-

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males.	Females.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers.	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	1	-
Scarlet Fever.	-	-
Whooping Cough.	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.	4	6
Other forms of Tuberculosis.	2	-
Syphilitic Diseases	1	-
Influenza	-	-
Measles.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio-encephalitis	-	-
Acute Infantile encephalitis.	-	-
Cancer.	32	22
Diabetes.	-	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions.	21	29
Heart Disease.	51	39
Other Disease of Circulatory System.	14	17
Bronchitis.	16	8
Pneumonia.	6	4
Other Respiratory Diseases.	2	4
Ulcer Stomach or Duodenum.	2	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years).	-	-
Appendicitis.	1	-
Other digestive diseases.	2	3
Nephritis.	4	2
Puerperal and post-abortion sepsis.	-	-
Other maternal causes.	-	1
Premature Birth.	4	3
Other Infantile Diseases.	3	2
Suicide.	2	-
Road Traffic Accidents.	3	-
Other violent causes.	5	9
All other causes.	14	22
	190	172

TUBERCULOSIS.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
Age Periods	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1.....	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
5.....	-	2	4	2	-	-	-	-
15.....	5	8	-	-	-	2	-	-
25.....	2	3	-	-	-	3	-	-
35.....	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.....	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	-
55.....	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
65 & up.....	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total	14	16	6	3	4	6	1	-